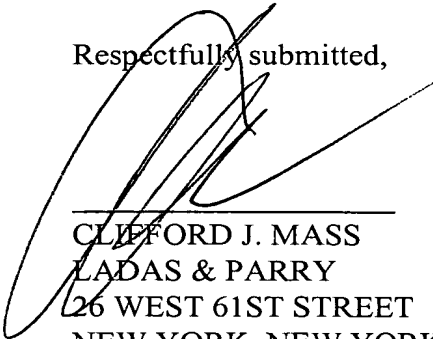


REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken to place the specification and claims into the form that they were in by virtue of the Amendments dated August 20, 2002, and March 18, 2003 in parent application serial number 09/779,380. A notice of allowance issued in the parent application in view of these amendments and this continuation application was filed to give the Examiner the opportunity to consider the allowed claims in view of art applied against the claims of the corresponding Japanese application. This art is cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 7, 2003.

The claims are respectfully believed patentably to distinguish over the cited art. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

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